

THE TREEHOUSE SCHOOL UPDATE

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Exhibitors share their Achievements



Dear Freya, Alex, Edith, Jess, Ollie, Owen, Herb, Tess, Mags, Lewis, Harry, Archie, Will, Eddie and Grace - and, of course, Delilah, Thank you so much for inviting me to visit The Treehouse School yesterday, to see some of your wonderful work. My mum and I were particularly struck by your ability to make *us* feel enthusiastic about the subjects you enjoy; I think you did so by being friendly, being expert on your chosen topics (what a lot of research you had all done!) and by being really skillful at persuasive argument. You are clearly a hard-working, fun-loving, creative bunch and I hope you enjoy a fantastic summer as a reward for everything you've achieved at The Treehouse so far.
Love and thanks, Julia (Friend of The Treehouse)

Wild About Cholsey

Look out for this book, being published early in August, which describes the exceptional wildlife and landscape of the local area, and changes thereto over the past 30 years. There are contributions by several local naturalists, including Tony Rayner as well as the highly respected late Bill Campbell. It is a Cholsey 1000 Plus publication, with all proceeds going to the local community association. The illustrations are taken from old natural history books, many of them fine black and white woodcuts. Artist, Richard Lewington has donated one of his superb illustrations.

Wonderful Work

Those of you who were able to join us at our exhibition, will I am sure, agree with one of our visitors who wrote:
'Wednesday really was a fantastic showcase of not only high-calibre work but also glorious communication skills: the children absolutely glow. Your shining children were a timely reminder of what really matters.'
It is very easy, with all that goes on in our very busy lives, to lose sight of our goal as educators and parents. Equipping the children with the confidence, skills and capacities that they will need for a successful, happy future is of course what really matters.

Dates for Your Diaries

Mon 11 th July	Mary Mount Stephenson visiting The Treehouse. Please collect your child from the Scout Hall.
Tues 12 th July	Treehouse Swap Shop.
	Fred's Unofficial 90 th Birthday at The Treehouse. Bring and Share Lunch. Dress up 1920s style.
	4.00 pm Teachers from Cholsey School visiting The Treehouse to discuss the new entrants.
Weds 13 th July	10.00 am Visit to Red Cow Cottage to see Tony's moths. Adults welcome to join us.
	Mag's (very early) Birthday Lunch!
	2.00 pm Year Six/Seven Sponsored Run at Wallingford School.
Thurs 14 th July	Freya and Alex at Wallingford School all day. Fin, Dylan, Louis and Beatrix visiting for the day.
	Visitors from Bath tbc.
	5.30 - 7.00pm Alex and Freya visiting Wallingford School.
Fri 15 th July	Friday Forest at Lollington. Please bring your bikes and helmets. Ciara joining us. Home drop off.
Mon 18 th July	Cricket in the park. Library visit. Please return all library books. Children to be collected from the library please.
Tues 19 th July	11.00 am Centenary of Remembrance.

**We hope to see you at The Treehouse Assembly of Celebration:
Wednesday 20th July 2 - 3pm at The Scout Hall.**



Going for Gold!

Keeping you in the Loop - The Move to Learn Programme

You may recall that in September, with the support from a local expert, Mary Mountstephenson, we will be trialing a new strategy, the 'Move to Learn movement program'. Based on a simple, flexible movement program, which will take place for 15 - 20 minutes each day first thing in the morning, the course is suitable and beneficial for children of all ages and abilities, including those who don't appear to be struggling with learning. Research suggests there is usually a marked increase in focus and a decrease in behavioural problems in classrooms where the program has been used.

This Monday, Mary will be visiting The Treehouse to assess all of the children, and establish a baseline, which we will be able to use to measure the impact of the programme. You will also have the opportunity to meet Mary on Friday 9th September, from 9.00 - 9.30 am to find out more. Please make a note in your diaries.

Looking for something to do?

Nature Smarties - Reuse and Recycle!

Have a look around at home; do you have any unwanted toys, gifts or books? Bring them along to our final swap shop of the year on Tuesday, from 8.45 - 9.15 am.

Nature Smarties

Take your family strawberry picking at Brightwell; I think that you will agree, the strawberries were some of the tastiest ever!



Learner Smarties

Find out what life would have been like for a child in the 1920s. Did children go to school? How did children entertain themselves? What did they wear? What did they eat? Bring any research you do to school to share with us all.



Agatha Christie Story Writing Competition

Are you taking part in the Agatha Christie story writing competition? It is open to all children in Cholsey and Wallingford aged 7 - 11 years. Your story should be no longer than 500 words. How about writing a mystery story using one of the following titles:

- Murder on The Forty...
- Who stole the Bodleian Map?
- Silent witness to a crime...
- The Cholsey & Wallingford Railway mystery...
- The mystery of the Witch Markings in Bramblings Cottage, Cholsey...
- Tom the Ghost Lives on...
- Where did the Island Go?

All entries must be received by Friday 29th July, and should be sent to su-ej@hotmail.co.uk or by post to: Children's Story Competition, 8 Pound Lane, Cholsey OX10 9NR. Good luck!

Search for a moth that you think we might see at Red Cow Cottage on Wednesday. Learn 3 facts about it to share with Tony.



Golden Gang: Well done for working so hard at the Major Exhibition. Our visitors were extremely impressed by your confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm.